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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order
Docket No. 2018-318-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On April 2, 2019, at 3:35 p.m., Duke Energy Progress, LLC filed supplemental testimony of Jon. F. Kerin regarding action taken by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("NCDEQ"). ORS objects to the filing of this supplemental testimony.

It is ORS's position that the testimony provided is out of time and irrelevant. The Commission established a "specified time in advance of the hearing" to prefile testimony, which has passed. *See* S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-845(C).¹ Additionally, the testimony is admittedly not relevant to the rate increase currently pending before this Commission in this docket. As Mr. Kerin acknowledges, "NCDEQ's April 1, 2019 Order does not change or impact *any* of the actual costs the company is seeking to recover in the instant case." (Kerin Supplemental p.3 ll. 14-15 (emphasis added).)

In light of the foregoing and given that the hearing in this matter is scheduled to begin on April 11, 2019, eight days from today, ORS objects to the filing of this supplemental testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

¹ See also the Revised Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Deadlines published by the Commission and posted on its Docket Management System on November 28, 2018.